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FOR: MRS. RUTH MEACHAM  
553 W. MARGARET STREET  
DETROIT MICHIGAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (MEACHAM JOHN LELAND)

SUBJ: DEATHS AND ESTATES

I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NSW  
POLICE REPORTED TO CONSUL THAT YOUR STEP-SON  
JOHN MEACHAM DIED JUNE 20, 1974 AT SYDNEY HOSPITAL  
FROM CEREBRAL HEMHORRAGE.

AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS  
FOLLOWING ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
AND PLANNING: ESTIMATED COST OF BURIAL AT SYDNEY  
US DOLS 720; PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT TO DETROIT  
BY AIR 900, BY SURFACE 900; CREMATION AND LOCAL  
BURIAL 500; CREMATION AND AIR SHIPMENT 650.  
PLEASE TELEGRAPH FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH  
WESTERN UNION IN THE FORM OF A MONEY ORDER THROUGH  
AMERICAN EXPRESS MADE PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN  
CONSULATE GENERAL SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA FOR CASE OF  
JOHN LELAND MEACHAM. IF SHIPMENT DESIRED YOU MAY  
PREFER TO HAVE YOUR LOCAL FUNERAL HOME MAKE ALL  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS MESSAGE.  
UPON RECEIPT REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE  
CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU PREFER,  
LOCAL BURIAL OR CREMATION EXPENSES MAY BE PAID FROM  
DECEASED'S ESTATE.

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UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES COPY OF A REPORT  
OF DEATH WILL BE PREPARED BY CONSULATE GENERAL AND  
SENT YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
DO YOU OR ANY OTHER RELATIVES HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A  
WILL EITHER IN U.S. OR AUSTRALIA?

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

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